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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Operations

ATTENTION : Chief, Foreign Broadcast Information
Division

SUBJECT : Excellent FBID Coverage of Indonesian
Developments

1. This office has been impressed during recent months by FBID's generally excellent coverage of events in Indonesia, particularly in the "outer islands." Each day's coverage almost invariably includes information not available from other sources.

2. A case in point is the book of 25 April 1957, pages MMM-3 to 7, which carried a Padang broadcast of a complete address by Lt. Col. Hussein setting forth conditions for the settlement of differences between the central government and the province of Central Sumatra. This information, an exclusive FBID "scoop", provided the basis for accurate prediction of later developments. The speech is regarded as something of a milestone in current Indonesian developments, and we have repeatedly referred to it in OCI publications.

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